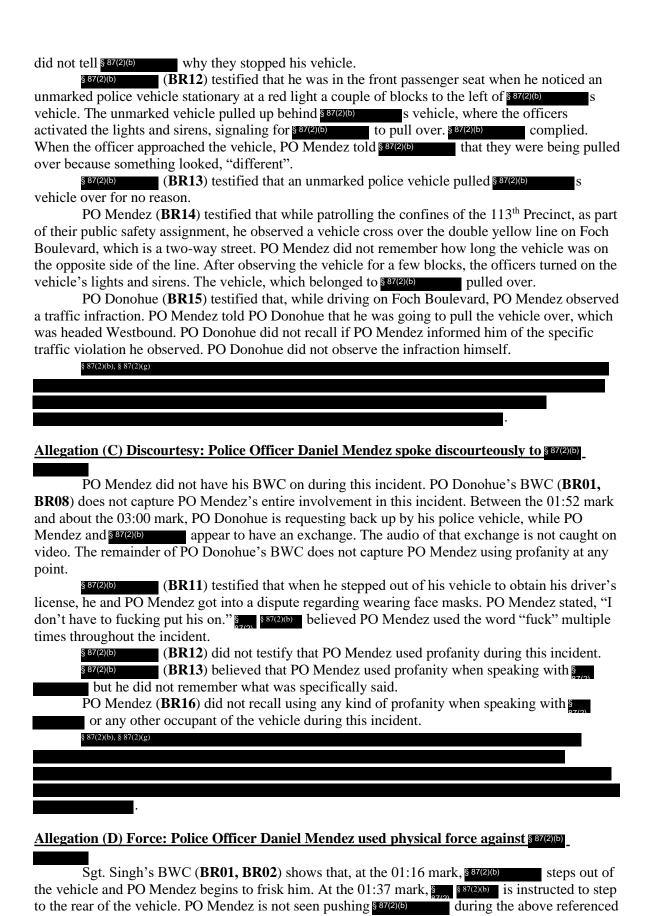
# CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	<b></b> F	orce	☑ Discou	ırt. [	U.S.
Jessica Russo		Squad #10	202101119	  ☑ A	buse	O.L.	[	☐ Injury
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Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		l	ecinct:	18 Mo. SC		EO SOL
Wednesday, 01/06/2021 11:36 PM	[	Intersection of Foch Bo Street	oulevard and 142nd		113	7/6/2022		7/6/2022
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:	: D	ate/Time	Received at C	CCRI	3
Fri, 02/19/2021 9:55 AM		CCRB	Call Processing System	F	ri, 02/19/	2021 9:55 A	M	
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. PO Daniel Mendez	05665	956922	107 PCT					
2. POM Thomas Fallon	09808	966564	113 PCT					
3. PO Kevin Donohue	07469	953824	107 PCT					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. SGT Steven Singh	4422	946260	113 PCT					
2. POF Alana Wasserman	04175	964832	113 PCT					
3. POM Ricardo Dorilus	27748	954749	113 PCT					
4. POM Malik Wallace	14182	968184	113 PCT					
5. POM Brian Nelson	15828	957895	113 PCT					
6. POM Mark Anderson	27500	950003	102 PCT					
7. PO RYAN DOHERTY	20696	951684	PBQS SU PST					
Officer(s)	Allegation	on			Inve	stigator Red	comi	nendation
A.PO Daniel Mendez	Abuse: P which § 8	Police Officer Daniel Me 7(2)(b) were occupants.	endez stopped the ve and § 87(2)(b)	hicle i	in			
B.PO Kevin Donohue	which § 81	Police Officer Kevin Dor	nohue stopped the ve and § 87(2)(b)	ehicle	in			
C.PO Daniel Mendez	Discourte	esy: Police Officer Danie cously to §87(2)(b)	el Mendez spoke					
D.PO Daniel Mendez	Force: Police Officer Daniel Mendez used physical force against § 87(2)(b)							
E.PO Daniel Mendez	Abuse: P	Police Officer Daniel Me	endez frisked (8 87(2)					
F.PO Daniel Mendez	Abuse: P	Police Officer Daniel Me	endez searched (6) 8 87(2)					
G.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: P	olice Officer Kevin Dor	nohue frisked § 87(2)(b)					

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
H.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: Police Officer Kevin Donohue searched § 87(2)(b)	
I.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: Police Officer Kevin Donohue frisked 887(2)(b)	
J.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: Police Officer Kevin Donohue searched § 87(2)(b)	
K.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: Police Officer Kevin Donohue threatened § 87(2)(b) with the use of force.	
L.PO Kevin Donohue	Discourtesy: Police Officer Kevin Donohue spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b)	
M.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: Police Officer Kevin Donohue threatened to arrest \$87(2)(b)	
N.POM Thomas Fallon	Force: Police Officer Thomas Fallon used physical force against \$87(2)(b)	
O.PO Kevin Donohue	Force: Police Officer Kevin Donohue used physical force against \$87(2)(b)	
P.PO Daniel Mendez	Abuse: Police Officer Daniel Mendez searched the vehicle in which \$87(2)(b) and were occupants.	ı
Q.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: Police Officer Kevin Donohue searched the vehicle in which were occupants.	
R.PO Daniel Mendez	Abuse: Police Officer Daniel Mendez failed to provide with a business card.	
S.PO Daniel Mendez	Abuse: Police Officer Daniel Mendez failed to provide with a business card.	
T.PO Daniel Mendez	Abuse: Police Officer Daniel Mendez failed to provide with a business card.	
U.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: Police Officer Kevin Donohue failed to provide with a business card.	
V.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: Police Officer Kevin Donohue failed to provide with a business card.	
W.PO Kevin Donohue	Abuse: Police Officer Kevin Donohue failed to provide with a business card.	
§ 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b)		

# **Case Summary**

On February 19, 2021, \$87(2)(6) filed this complaint with the CCRB via the Call
Processing System.
On January 6, 2021, at approximately 11:36 p.m., \$87(2)(6) was driving on Foch
Boulevard in Queens with his friend \$87(2)(b) in the passenger seat and \$87(2)(b) in the back seat \$87(2)(b) was pulled over by the police on the intersection of Feeh Reulevard and
the back seat. [87(2)(6)] was pulled over by the police on the intersection of Foch Boulevard and 142 <sup>nd</sup> Street ( <b>Allegations A</b> and <b>B: Abuse of Authority-Vehicle Stop</b> , [87(2)(6)] PO
Mendez and PO Donohue, of the 107 <sup>th</sup> Precinct, approached \$87(2)(b) s vehicle. While \$100.000
retrieved his license, he and PO Mendez allegedly got into an argument about wearing a
face mask where PO Mendez told § 87(2)(b) "I don't have to fucking put this on" (Allegation
C: Discourtesy-Word, \$87(2)(g) When \$87(2)(b) stepped out of the vehicle, PO
Mendez allegedly pushed \$87(2)(b) s chest toward his vehicle and kicked his legs apart
(Allegation D: Force-Physical Force, \$87(2)(g) PO Mendez frisked and searched \$87(2)(b)
(Allegation E: Abuse of Authority-Frisk, \$87(2)(9) (Allegation F: Abuse of Authority:
Search of person, \$87(2)(g) When \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) stepped out of the
vehicle, PO Donohue conducted a frisk and search of both of their persons (Allegation G: Abuse
of Authority: Frisk, \$87(2)(g) (Allegation H: Abuse of Authority: Search of person, (Allegation I: Abuse of Authority: Frisk, \$87(2)(g) (Allegation J:
Abuse of Authority: Search of person, \$\frac{857(2)}{2}\$ PO Donohue allegedly told
that he was going to "kick his ass" and "take him to fucking jail" (Allegation K: Abuse of
Authority-Threat of Force, \$87(2)(g) (Allegation L: Discourtesy-Word, \$87(2)(g)
(Allegation M: Abuse of Authority-Threat of Arrest, \$87(2)(g) PO Thomas Fallon, of the
113 <sup>th</sup> Precinct, arrived on scene while \$87(2)(b) was at the rear of the vehicle. PO Fallon pushed
and told him to calm down (Allegation N: Force-Physical Force, miscellaneous-
PO Donohue allegedly grabbed \$87(2)(b) by the collar and his arm, pulling
him to the rear of the vehicle (Allegation O: Force-Physical Force, \$87(2)(9)
The three males went to the rear of the vehicle, while PO Mendez and PO Donohue
searched search, searched Neither PO Donohue nor PO Mendez provided any of the civilians on scene
with a business card (Allegations R, S, T, U, V, and W: Abuse of Authority-Failure to provide
RTKA Card, \$87(2)(g). \$87(4-b)
The investigation obtained nine BWC videos from the following officers: SGT Steven
Singh (BR01, BR02), PO Thomas Fallon (BR01, BR03), PO Alana Wasserman (BR01, BR04), PO
Ricardo Dorilus (BR01, BR05), PO Malik Wallace (BR01, BR06), PO Brian Nelson (BR01, BR05), PO Malik Wallace (BR01, BR06), PO Brian Nelson (BR01, BR06), PO B
BR07), PO Kevin Donohue (BR01, BR08), PO Mark Anderson (BR01, BR09), PO Ryan Doherty
( <b>BR01, BR10</b> ). On June 29, 2021, this case was reassigned from Investigator Jackie Manginelli to
Investigator Jessica Russo for closure.
Findings and Recommendations
Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Daniel Mendez stopped the vehicle in which
§ 87(2)(b) were occupants.
Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Kevin Donohue stopped the vehicle in which
\$87(2)(b) were occupants.  The DWC does not continue the singular top as that led to the yield at an
The BWC does not capture the circumstances that led to the vehicle stop.  [887(2)(6)] (BR11) testified that he noticed a black unmarked vehicle following him for
four blocks on Foch Boulevard. He heard a siren coming from the vehicle, after which \$87(2)(b)
pulled over on 142 <sup>nd</sup> Street and Foch Boulevard. Upon the officers' initial approach, PO Mendez
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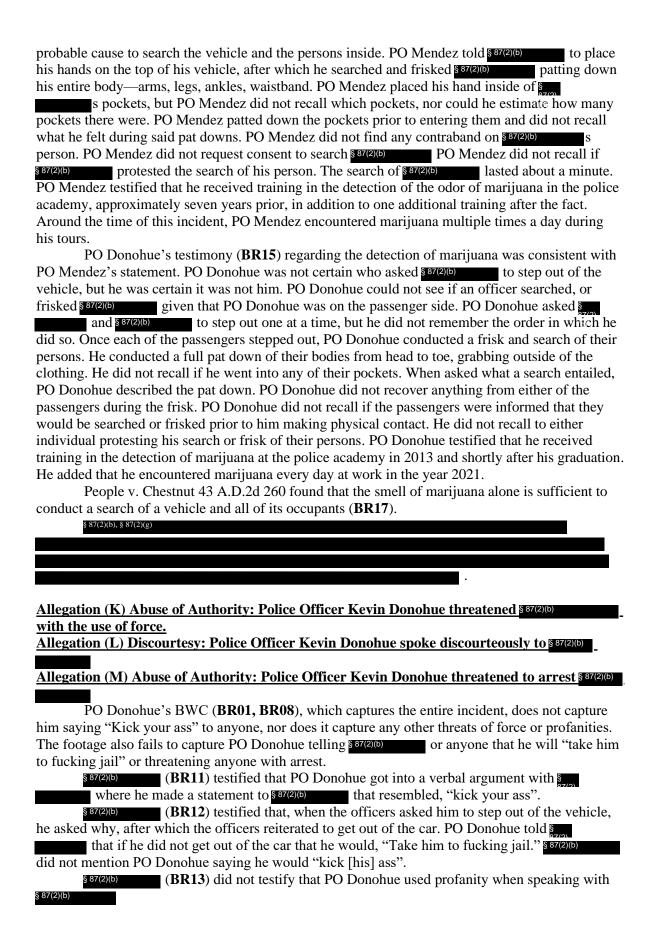
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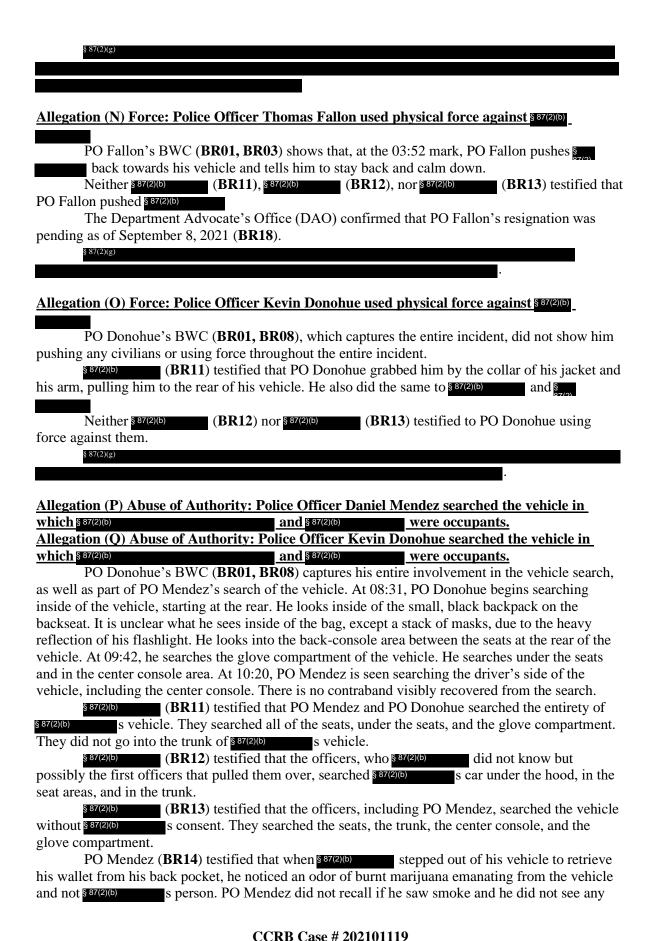
encounter or at any other point in Sgt. Singh's BWC. (BR11) testified that when PO Mendez instructed [Section 1] to get out of the vehicle, PO Mendez pushed him by his chest, against his vehicle, kicked his legs apart, and frisked him. See \$87(2)(b) did not allege that PO Mendez used force against him at any other point in the incident. PO Mendez (BR14) testified that he did not recall pushing [ST72](b) or using physical force at any point in the incident. § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g) Allegation (E) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Daniel Mendez frisked 307(2)(5) Allegation (F) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Daniel Mendez searched 887(2)(6) Allegation (G) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Kevin Donohue frisked 887(2)(6) Allegation (H) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Kevin Donohue searched [387(2)(5)] Allegation (I) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Kevin Donohue frisked \$87(2)(6) Allegation (J) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Kevin Donohue searched § 87(2)(b) PO Donohue's BWC (BR01, BR08) does not capture any officer mentioning marijuana, nor does it show the presence or recovery of marijuana. From the 06:32 mark to the 07:27 mark, PO Donohue is seen frisking § 87(2)(b) including a pat down of his jacket pockets, his pants pockets, his legs, and his waistband. From the 07:45 mark to the 08:23 mark, PO Donohue is seen similarly frisking § 87(2)(b) person—jacket pocket, waist band, legs—and entering his jacket pockets. Similarly, Sgt. Singh's BWC (BR01, BR02) does not capture any officer mentioning marijuana. From the 01:17 mark to the 01:37 mark in Sgt. Singh's BWC, PO Mendez is briefly seen frisking \$37(2)(b) s body and entering at least his right jacket pocket. Nothing is recovered from the search. ■ (BR11) testified that when he stepped out of the vehicle, PO Mendez patted him down from head to toe. PO Mendez put his hands into all of \$57(2)(5) specifically speckets, including his four coat pockets and his front and back pants pockets. PO Donohue patted \$87(2)(6) down in the same manner; however, § 87(2)(b) did not see the extent of the frisk, as he was on the opposite side of the vehicle. §87(2)(6) did not see if PO Donohue entered their pockets. § 87(2)(b) did not testify that there was marijuana on his person or within the vehicle. (BR12) testified an officer, which he did not specifically recall, patted-him down on his entire person. The officer patted-him down from head to toe, including his waist, legs, and between his crotch. The officer opened §87(2)(b) coat and patted-down his body as well. s pockets. § 87(2)(b) The officer did not go into § 87(2)(b) did not remember which officers patted-down \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) He did not see them go into their pockets. did not testify that there was marijuana on his person or within the vehicle. ■ (BR13) testified that the officers patted down all of the occupants—himself, and § 87(2)(b) did not remember which officers patted him down. The officer patted down his pockets, ankles, wrists, and inside of his coat. He had his keys in his right-jacket pocket and his wallet in his back pants pocket. The officer went into all of s pockets, took out his belongings, and put them back into his pockets. \$87(2)(b) not know which officers patted down his two friends, but he thought that they went into their pockets, as well. §87(2)(b) did not testify that there was marijuana on his person or within the vehicle. PO Mendez (BR14) testified that when \$87(2)(b) stepped out of his vehicle to retrieve his wallet from his back pocket, he noticed an odor of burnt marijuana emanating from the vehicle and not § 87(2)(b) s person. PO Mendez did not recall if he saw smoke and he did not see any evidence of marijuana. When additional units arrived on scene, PO Mendez and the other officers

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began asking the occupants to step out of the vehicle, given that the odor of marijuana granted them





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evidence of marijuana. PO Mendez received training in the detection of marijuana at the police academy and after the fact; he also encountered marijuana multiple times a day prior to this incident. Said detection granted the officers the probable cause to search the vehicle. When the passengers were outside of the vehicle, PO Mendez and PO Donohue searched the interior of searching is vehicle to search for contraband. PO Mendez entered the vehicle on the driver's side, searching the area where the driver sits—underneath the seat and the general area. He opened and searched inside of the center console. PO Mendez proceeded to the rear passenger seat behind the driver, where he checked the area behind the driver's seat, as well as on top and underneath the rear passenger seat. PO Mendez did not recall going anywhere else in the vehicle. PO Donohue searched the front passenger seat and the rear seat behind it. PO Donohue found marijuana in a bag that was in the rear passenger seat of the vehicle. PO Mendez did not see PO Donohue recover the marijuana and only became aware when PO Donohue told him after the search was concluded. PO Mendez did not recall how much marijuana was recovered or how it was packaged. PO Mendez was not aware of what was done with the marijuana that PO Donohue found. The officers did not issue a summons for the marijuana, as they decided to admonish the crime.

PO Donohue's testimony (BR15) is consistent with PO Mendez's regarding the initial detection of the odor of marijuana. He received training in the detection of marijuana in the police academy in 2013, as well as after his graduation; he also encountered marijuana every day on the job in the year 2021. When he and PO Mendez began the search of the vehicle, PO Donohue conducted a search of the front passenger seat, including the general area on the seat, underneath the seat, in the glove compartment, the center console, and the overhead visors—anything within the grabbable area of the front passenger side. He searched the backseat on the passenger side including the actual seat area, underneath the seat, and within the cup holder compartment between the two back passenger seats. There was a small black satchel on the back seat—about 12 inches that PO Donohue opened and searched. PO Donohue did not recall how many compartments or zippers were in the black bag. PO Donohue did not recall looking through any other bags or clothing items, aside from the black satchel. PO Donohue recovered a small quantity of vegetated or fresh marijuana—about one gram—from the inside of the black bag, which was packaged in a clear Ziplock bag. PO Donohue did not recall where specifically within the bag the marijuana was located, but he testified that he left it where it was found. While PO Donohue searched the vehicle, PO Mendez conducted a search of the driver's side of the vehicle, which PO Donohue did not specifically recall seeing. PO Mendez and PO Donohue decided to provide a warning instead of issuing a summons for the marijuana.

People v. Chestnut 43 A.D.2d 260 found that the smell of marijuana alone is sufficient to conduct a search of a vehicle and all of its occupants (**BR17**).

Allegation (R) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Daniel Mendez failed to provide 887(2)(5)
with a business card.
Allegation (S) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Daniel Mendez failed to provide \$87(2)(b)
with a business card.
Allegation (T) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Daniel Mendez failed to provide \$87(2)(6)
with a business card.
Allegation (U) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Kevin Donohue failed to provide \$87(2)(b)
with a business card.
Allegation (V) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Kevin Donohue failed to provide \$87(2)(b)

# with a business card. Allegation (W) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Kevin Donohue failed to provide with a business card. Solve (BR11) did not testify to requesting or receiving business cards from the officers. He did not receive a summons at the result of the incident. Solve (BR12) and Solve (BR13) consistently testified that they did not request business cards from the officers, nor did they receive any. They testified that the officers did not issue any summonses at the result of the incident.

PO Mendez (**BR14**) did not provide a business card at the result of the incident because it is not required when the encounter can result in an arrest or summons. He understood that he was not required to provide a business card even though a summons was not issued, and an arrest was not made.

PO Donohue (**BR15**) did not provide any of the passengers, including with a business card because the initial stop of the vehicle was for a traffic stop, which is a "summonsable" offense that does not require the issuance of a business card, despite their not issuing a summons or effecting an arrest at the result of the incident.

New York City Administrative Code § 14-174 notes that officers must offer a business card to such person at the conclusion of any such activity that does not result in an arrest or summons, including searches of persons and vehicles (**BR19**).

Patrol Guide Procedure 203-09 states that officers must offer pre-printed Right to Know Business Card upon the conclusion of law enforcement activities, except in cases when a summons is issued or an arrest is made, or exigent circumstances are present (**BR29**).

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### **Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories**

- has been a party to one other CCRB complaint, where he was listed as a witness (**BR20**).
- This was the first complaint to which \$87(2)(b) has been a party (**BR21**).
- This was the first complaint to which \$87(2)(b) has been a party (**BR22**).
- PO Mendez has been a member of service for seven years. He was listed as the subject in three other CCRB complaints and seven allegations, two of which were substantiated:
  - o 201608465 involved a substantiated allegation of abuse-other, where PO Mendez received formalized training.
  - 202003753 involves a substantiated allegation of force-nightstick as club, where PO Mendez received command discipline-A.
- PO Donohue has been a member of service for eight years and this is the first complaint to which he has been named a subject.
- PO Fallon was pending resignation as of September 8, 2021. While active, he was listed as

a subject in two other CCRB complaints and six allegations, none of which were substantiated.

## Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories

- declined to mediate this complaint.
- The Office of the New York City Comptroller confirmed that none of the parties involved filed a notice of claim regarding this incident (**BR28**).

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